

Auto Dealer Burned Sixty Cars; Got \$110,000 Insurance

WEATHER—Fair to-night and to-morrow.

FINAL
EDITION

The

Evening

World.

FINAL
EDITION

"Circulation Books Open to All."

"Circulation Books Open to All."

PRICE ONE CENT.

Copyright, 1917, by The Press Publishing Co. (The New York World).

NEW YORK, FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1917.

20 PAGES

PRICE ONE CENT.

MOEWE ARMS TWO BIG PRIZE SHIPS; ALL THREE JOIN IN RAIDING COMMERCE

DEALER BURNED 60 AUTOS, GOT INSURANCE OF \$110,000 BY FRAUD, HE CONFESSES

Frederick Strobel Reveals Wholesale Arson Plot at Ex-Partner's Trial.

KEPT UP THREE YEARS.

Collections Made On Same Cars From Different Companies, Witness Says.

Frederick G. Strobel, former manager of the Moon Auto Sales Company, Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, told a jury before Judge Nott in General Sessions to-day, during the trial of William Stark of Union Course, L. I., that during the last three years he had burned between fifty-five and sixty automobiles and collected nearly \$110,000 from different insurance companies. Strobel pleaded guilty recently to an indictment charging the presentation of a false insurance claim.

Strobel is on trial on a charge of collecting a claim on a car which was burned July 9 last. Strobel appeared as a witness against him. He said that the Moon Auto Sales Company was composed of himself, Max Wolf, now dead, and Stark. The company until three years ago did a thriving business in an honest way, but at the suggestion of Wolf, so Strobel said, they went into the business of destroying cars for the purpose of collecting false claims.

"When we destroyed a car," Strobel testified, "we collected both the fire insurance and the theft insurance. We would register the license number in the theft insurance and the manufacturer's number in the fire insurance. In some instances we bought the damaged car after we collected the insurance from adjusters and used the same car to defraud the company from which we bought it."

Cross-examined by Attorney Francis X. Caffrey, counsel for Stark, Strobel said "he was honest until he met Wolf."

"Why put the blame upon a dead man?" shouted Assistant District Attorney Weller, in objecting to the question.

"Because," replied Mr. Caffrey with heat, "he was to blame for all of it." Judge Nott instructed the jury to disregard Mr. Weller's remark.

One witness before Strobel testified that one automobile bought originally for \$550 brought the conspirators nearly \$5,000 from insurance companies through false claims.

PRESIDENT URGES SPEED.

Wants to Clear Calendar in Congress of His Measures.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—In an effort to clear the legislative calendar of Administration measures before the next House comes into power, President Wilson conferred for two hours to-day with the Senate Steering Committee.

The President urged speed, laying particular stress upon the Railroad Labor Measures. He said he desired enactment of the whole programme before March 4.

In addition to railroad and revenue legislation, he urged action on a Corrupt Practices Bill, the Webb Bill to permit domestic corporations to maintain collective foreign selling agencies, with power and mineral land leasing measures and the Porto Rican Citizenship Bill.

Tennessee House Gives Vote to Women.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 19.—The House of Representatives to-day passed the bill allowing women to vote in city and Presidential elections.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT IN SENATE

Pointexter Urges No One Shall Be Debarred From Voting Because of Race, Sex or Color.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Senator Pointexter, Washington, offered a Woman Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution to-day.

His amendment provides that no one shall be prevented from voting because of "race, sex or color."

**FRESH EGGS GO DOWN
EIGHT CENTS IN A WEEK**

Wholesale Price Cut, but Not All Retail Dealers Give Consumers Benefit of It.

Fresh eggs, right from the farm, have dropped eight cents a dozen wholesale since last Monday. Experts say there should be a similar drop in the price to the consumer not later than to-morrow, and in some stores it should have been put into effect yesterday. The reduction is the biggest in ten years for the month of January.

Fresh gathered eggs are coming in so plentifully now that it is predicted storage eggs will go down five cents in another week.

The present wholesale market price quoted on the exchanges for fresh gathered firsts is 45 cents. Last Monday fresh gathered firsts sold for 53 cents. The drop came gradually.

The retail price quoted in west side stores is 52 cents a dozen for fresh gathered, or seven cents above the actual wholesale cost to-day by the dozen. Yesterday retailers were demanding and getting 54 cents a dozen, though the market had already dropped eight cents on the wholesale cost.

Record Prices for Veals, Calves, Lambs and Hogs.

BUFFALO, Jan. 19.—Record prices for veals, calves, lambs and hogs were established on the East Buffalo live stock market to-day. Choice lambs sold at \$14.65, which is an advance of 100 per cent over the price of five years ago.

The best veals brought \$16 and heavy hogs sold at \$11.75 per hundred pounds, both new high records for East Buffalo.

Special Guard in Each Car of Trainload of Potatoes.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—A de luxe special train, with forty-five cars of Colorado potatoes, is en route here from Lucerne, Colorado. A special armed guard rides in each car of the shipment to protect the "spuds."

**U-BOAT RIDDED STEAMER
THAT MADE ESCAPE GOOD**

Fifteen Out of 50 Shots Hit the Palm Branch in Chase in the English Channel.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 19.—Officers of the British steamer Palm Branch, which arrived here yesterday from Cardiff via New York, reported that a submarine fired fifty shots at the vessel while in the English Channel early in November.

Ten or twelve shots took effect, they said, one passing entirely through the ship above the water line. The steamer escaped by suddenly changing her course. A boy was struck and slightly injured.

The Palm Branch returned to Cardiff for repairs and the officers said they learned that the submarine later was captured and sunk.

SAFFORD NAMES OSBORNE AGAIN AS GIRL'S COMPANION

Hotel Clerk Repeats Lawyer Was "Oliver" Who Registered Rae Tanzer as Wife.

DENIES WAX WAS MAN.

Detective Admits He Told Untrue Story About Seeing James W.

Franklin D. Safford, the Plainfield hotel clerk on trial for perjury in having identified James W. Osborne as the companion of Rae Tanzer at the hotel on October 18, 1914, was called to the witness stand to-day.

In all the testimony about Rae Tanzer, Wax, the self-confessed adventurer "Oliver Osborne" and James W. Osborne, judge, jury, attorneys and spectators seemed to have forgotten all about the slim grey man at the end of the counsel table. It was to get from him the detailed recital of the visit of "O. Osborne" and "Mrs. O. Osborne" to the Kensington Hotel that Sunday in October and his subsequent identification of "O. Osborne" as the former Assistant District Attorney, that Safford was dragged from his obscurity.

Safford told again the story he has already related three times of the arrival of "O. Osborne" and "the lady, the small little person" at the Kensington, of his conversations with "Osborne" about real estate, California and other things and then about assigning to them Room 15 with a door in an alcove. Safford said he had told "Osborne" he was breaking a rule of the house to give a room to patrons without baggage.

TELLS WHEN HE FIRST RECOGNIZED JAMES W. OSBORNE.

"So he went down to register," Safford continued his narrative, "and he wrote the first line 'O. Osborne.' When I asked him to put his wife's name under it, he wrote 'Mrs. O. Osborne, New York.'"

While Safford was testifying Wax was ordered taken from the courtroom.

Safford related how David Slade, the attorney, and McCullough, the detective, brought him to New York. He slept two nights in Slade's house and then, accompanied by McCullough, went to the hearing before Commissioner Houghton in the Federal building.

Q. When you were in Commissioner Houghton's courtroom you saw James W. Osborne?

A. I did, and recognized him, also. Q. When you took the witness stand that day you identified James W. Osborne as the man who had been at the hotel? A. Yes, I did.

Describing his appearance before Commissioner Houghton, Safford said:

"McCullough and I went into the room together and he nudged me in the side to indicate Mr. Kitchen, proprietor of the Kensington. Mr. Kitchen and I had a little argument over Mr. Osborne, and I said to him 'that's the duck.' He said it wasn't, but I was sure."

NEVER SAW WAX EXCEPT IN COURT ROOM.

Q. Are you positive to-day that James W. Osborne was the man with Rae Tanzer at the Kensington Hotel? A. Yes, I am.

Q. Did you ever see Charles H. Wax until he came into this courtroom? A. No, never in my life.

Q. I did hear Mr. Baker, one of the witnesses, testify here that you had told him you had been drunk for a week when brought to his office? A. Yes.

(Continued on Second Page.)

'MISSING' WITNESS IN HIDING, TURNS ON BRECKINRIDGE

A. L. Wilson, Freed in \$10,000 Bail, Alleged to Have "Changed His Attitude."

CALLED A 'GO-BETWEEN'

Reported Now Ready to Testify Against District Attorney's Former Assistant.

There was a scurrying of the friends and lawyers of former Judge James A. Delehanty and former Special Assistant District Attorney Lucian S. Breckinridge to-day when they learned A. L. Wilson, held as a material witness against Breckinridge by District Attorney Swann in his proceeding against Breckinridge, had been released on \$10,000 bail last night.

Inquirers were told unofficially that Wilson, whose whereabouts are kept secret by the District Attorney, had changed his attitude that he knew nothing damaging to Breckinridge and had agreed to be a willing witness for the prosecutor.

The \$10,000 bond was signed by Judge Mulqueen Wednesday night in his chambers. It was not filed so that Wilson could be released until yesterday. Lloyd Stryker, Wilson's attorney, did not know his client was out of the Tombs until to-day. Neither did Martin W. Littleton, counsel for Breckinridge.

Wilson was quoted to-day as saying that Stryker was no longer his lawyer and that he meant to engage new counsel within a day or two.

Wilson told a story a week ago of being kidnapped on Broadway by two men posing as detectives who carried him to Yonkers and kept him there questioning him nearly all night. This was after Wilson had been released in \$1,000 bail. When he returned and was brought into court by Detective Clinton Wood his bail was increased to \$10,000, as Judge Mulqueen said, "for his own protection."

Assistant District Attorney Dooling, who is preparing the case for the prosecution of Breckinridge, was called to the Tombs Wednesday afternoon by Wilson, who is alleged to have said he had changed his attitude of insisting he knew nothing of a fund of manufacturers and merchants presented to Breckinridge to influence him in prosecuting East Side labor leaders for strike disorders. It had been charged that Wilson was the "go-between" who handled the alleged fund.

According to the District Attorney's assistants, Wilson talked with Dooling for two hours, making frank statements regarding everything he knew of the case and promised to repeat these statements in court. Mr. Dooling arranged to have Max M. Hart, a contractor and builder, who has been much before the public as a litigant in realty cases, and his wife become sureties for Wilson. They gave as security property at Lexington Avenue and Seventy-third Street and at Chrystie and Houston Streets worth \$240,000.

A peculiarity of the situation is that Hart is a Lieutenant of Sam Marx, Democratic leader of the Thirty-first Assembly District, who has always been known as a close friend of former Judge Delehanty.

Last Two Days of Big Sale.

The "Hub" Clothing Corner, Broadway, cor. Barclay St., opp. Woolworth Building, will sell to-day and Saturday the balance of their \$10 & \$12 Men's Winter Overcoats & Suits, blacks, fancies, browns & dark mixed, in plain or pinched backs; all sizes, 34 to 44. Our special price for to-day & Saturday, \$5.95 & \$6.95. Open Saturday night till 10. Hub Clothiers, Broadway, cor. Barclay St. —Adv.

BOSTON LAWYER WHO IS TO CONDUCT PEACE "LEAK" INQUIRY



100 GIRL RIOTERS PULL HAIR IN FIGHT AT FACTORY DOORS

Strikers Attack Workers at Williamsburg Plant and Reserves Are Called.

A riot in which over a hundred young girls tore and scratched at each other until the police forced them apart was started in front of the factory of Bob & Daskind, at Kent Avenue and North Ninth Street, Williamsburg, at 7 o'clock this morning when strikers on picket duty attacked girls on their way to work. Many who had reported for work ran from the factory and fought the pickets.

The few men who had been with the striking girls fled in the fury of the fight. A call for the reserve was sent to the Bedford Avenue Station and when Sergt. Gillen arrived with several men he found the street a mass of struggling women pulling each other's hair and digging into faces with their nails.

Four of the most active of the strikers were arrested and the rest scattered. The girls arrested are Tossie Anqu, nineteen years old, of No. 30 Ten Eyck Street; Nellie Schafsky, twenty-three, of No. 122 North Seventh Street; Annie Tuskonoski, twenty-two, of No. 422 Grand Street; and Mary Palsky, twenty-two, of No. 22 North Sixth Street.

GIRL LEAPS TO DEATH IN FRONT OF 'L' TRAIN

A shabbily dressed girl apparently eighteen years old, and as yet unidentified, jumped from the one Hundred and Forty-ninth Street "L" platform to the tracks in front of an incoming north-bound local at 1:55 o'clock this afternoon and was instantly killed. Dr. Goodlick of the Lincoln Hospital attempted to reach the body on the forward track, but it required the efforts of Track Company No. 17 to dislodge it.

The platform was crowded with men, women and children and a panic ensued. The line was tied up for twenty minutes.

The girl was about five feet tall, weighed 110 pounds and had gray eyes and teeth and long brown hair. She wore a dark velvet hat, a gray sweater with old rose lining, a dark skirt and black shoes and stockings.

BETHLEHEM STEEL GOES DOWN TO 396; FRICTION RUMORED

War Bride Touches Lowest Mark Since Boom Started Two Years Ago.

SCHWAB IS OPPOSED.

Bethlehem Steel shares continued their wide fluctuations to-day on the Stock Exchange, making their range



of quotations one of the curiosities of the market.

Just two years ago, in January, 1915, Bethlehem Steel was selling at 46 1/2. Within a few months it shot up to 600, and by the close of the year fell back 150 points. Getting a fresh start during 1916, the stock rose to its highest point, 700, on Nov. 18 last. Then, under the fear of peace, it started slipping back down the scale. To-day it sold down to 396, its lowest price since the original rise started nearly two years ago.

Differences of opinion in the management of the company are reported in Wall Street, some of the large stockholders demanding an increase in the dividend and opposing the policy of Charles M. Schwab in holding back distribution of the enormous profits. Mr. Schwab has a programme of new construction involving an expenditure of \$100,000,000, which is more likely to necessitate a bond issue than a melon.

Gossip in Wall Street is that Mr. Schwab was offered \$1,000 a share for his stock holdings in the company last year but refused it. Profits for 1916 are estimated at \$55,000,000. The earnings, if all distributed, would approximate the present price of the common stock and would make a dividend of 400 per cent. instead of the present 30 per cent.

THAW INTERESTS GET BOND OF \$15,000 FOR BROWER

Man Indicted in Connection With Flogging of Boy Released From the Tombs.

By agreement with District Attorney Swann, counsel for Oliver C. Brower, Harry Thaw's cousin, who is under indictment for conspiring with Thaw to kidnap Frederick Gump Jr. of Kansas City, provided a bond for \$15,000 to-day and Brower was released from the Tombs. The bond was furnished by the National Surety Company and is guaranteed by Thaw interests.

Brower is wanted as a witness in the case against Thaw, who is accused of flogging young Gump in a room in the McAlpin Hotel. The District Attorney's office has been afraid Brower would disappear if released on bail, but assurances have been received that he will be on hand to testify when Thaw is called to trial.

(For Racing Entries See Page 7.)

THE WORLD TRAVEL BUREAU
100 Broadway, New York City
Telephone 4000-4001
Teletype 4000-4001
Cable 4000-4001
Radio 4000-4001
Post Office Box 1000
Travel Agents: The World Travel Bureau, 100 Broadway, New York City. The World Travel Bureau, 100 Broadway, New York City. The World Travel Bureau, 100 Broadway, New York City.

ORTEGA AND ST. THEODORE TAKE ON GERMAN SAILORS; PREY ON ALLIED SHIPPING

Captain of the Radnorshire, One of the Destroyed Ships, in Graphic Story Says Moving Pictures Were Taken as Vessels Were Blown Up.

20 ALLIED WARSHIPS HUNT FOR SEA TERRORS

By Charles P. Stewart.
(Copyright, 1917, by the United Press.)

BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 19.—Not only the raider, now believed to be the Moewe, but two or more German commerce destroyers are still somewhere around South America and by this time have probably taken further toll of Allied shipping.

The greatest sea hunt in history is on in the South Atlantic. Allied warships are concentrating to sweep the most dangerous menace to Allied shipping that has yet sailed the high seas into a corner and destroy her.

[It is reported from Norfolk that at least twenty Allied warships are scouring the southern seas for the German raider. Other cruisers are being hurried from Europe. Wireless communication between the warships is constantly kept up.]

A United Press despatch from Rio de Janeiro to-day stated that survivors from the Japanese steamer Hudson Maru had declared the British merchantman St. Theodore, first of the captures made by the German raider, had been armed and outfitted.

The Theodore was used as a consort, the survivors landed at Pernambuco said. That she and the German raider steamed together in marauding operations was also confirmed in the log of the captain of the British steamer Radnorshire, which mentioned being pursued, and then captured by "two strangers."

INSTRUCTED TO SPARE LARGE STEAMERS.

The same log mentioned the German commander of the raider as explaining his instructions were to spare vessels carrying large cargoes. This was taken here to mean he was instructed to take his pick of big vessels and use them as auxiliary raiders, if necessary.

The British steamer Ortega, of 8,000 tons and known as a speedy vessel, has not yet been accounted for in any of the stories told by survivors. It may be that she has also been pressed into service as a raider on account of her special fitness for such work in speed, size and seaworthiness. It is known she was among the number overhauled and captured by the raider.

The belief that there are a number of raiders now operating was expressed in shipping circles here to-day. That the same opinion was entertained in other South American ports was evident from the care with which owners or masters of Allied ships measured their chances of getting out of port. A number of sailings were indefinitely postponed. The French steamer Sequana, which sailed yesterday from Rio de Janeiro for Bordeaux, dropped her anchor at Cobras Isle, and stopped, awaiting further orders.

Evidencing how widespread is the fear of further depredations, and the grudging admiration accorded the raider's or raiders' activities, despatches from Santiago, Chili, on the Pacific Ocean side of South America, said a number of sailings of allied merchantmen there had been cancelled or delayed, admittedly because of the fear that raiders might be operating in the Southern Pacific.

BRAZILIAN PRESS DENOUNCES RAIDERS.

The Brazilian press to-day united in denunciation of the German raiding operations in waters adjacent to South America. They pointed out that such depredations were seriously interfering with South American trade and demanded immediate interment of the Japanese steamer Hudson Maru, which arrived at Pernambuco under the German flag and a German crew as one of the raider's prizes.

The captain of the British steamer Radnorshire, in United Press despatches from Pernambuco via Rio de Janeiro to-day, amplified his log with these details:

"We sighted the raiders when 100 miles east of Pernambuco, and having in mind the warnings to watch out for commerce destroyers immediately sent out a wireless call for help, stating our position and the fact that we were pursued. When one of the raiders had overhauled us and was a mile distant she fired a shot across our bows. We lay to at once.